

REMARKS

The above amendment and these remarks are responsive to the Office Action of Examiner Kieu D. Vu, mailed 2 Jul 2003.

Claims 1-33 are in the case, none having been allowed.

Specification

The specification has been objected to for not citing the serial numbers and filing dates of the related applications, and for an abstract which exceeds 150 words.

Applicants have amended the specification to provide the missing information, and the abstract to bring it within the 150 word limit.

Claim Objections

Claims 10-11, 17-18, and 22 have been objected to for various informalities.

Applicants have amended claim 10, and thereby dependent claim 11, as suggested by the Examiner.

Applicants have amended claims 17 and 18, and thereby dependent claim 22, as suggested by the Examiner.

35 U.S.C. 101

Claims 33-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as drawn to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicants cancel claims 33 and 34 without prejudice.

35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1-11 and 16-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to improve the syntax and provide proper antecedents.

Applicants have amended claim 9 to make it complete.

Applicants have amended claim 10 to correct the antecedent basis for the phrase "said user".

Applicants have amended claim 14 to provide antecedent basis for the phrase "said user" in claim 16.

All other claims depend from claims 1, 9, 10, and 14. Applicants request that the rejection of claims 1-11 and 16-22 be withdrawn and these claims allowed.

35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-9, 12-16, and 22-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Salas et al., U.S. Patent 6,233,600.

Regarding claims 1, 31, and 33, the Examiner states:

"...and rendering components on said page equivalent to collaboration space tags for importation into said collaboration space for use in instantiating said user interface." (Office Action, page 4).

For this teaching, the Examiner refers to Salas:

"The browser renders the Web page by interpreting HTML tags, which are embedded control information that indicates to a browser when certain action should be taken. For example, a tag may indicate to the browser: (1) that a graphics file should be retrieved and displayed at a particular location on the screen; (2) that the text following the HTML tag should be centered, bolded, or otherwise formatted; (3) that the background of the Web page should be shaded or have a particular pattern; or (4) that a different HTML file should be loaded and displayed in place of the HTML the file the browser is currently displaying." (Salas, Col. 1, lines 35-45).

The Examiner refers to this same teaching of Salas with respect to claim 14, as follows:

"Regarding claims 14 and 26, Salas teaches the rendering in a skin group said hypertext markup language and style sheet pages responsive to collaboration space tags; and responsive to a user request, importing said skin group into a place for

instantiating said user interface." (Office Action, pages 5-6).

Applicants assert that the quoted sections of Salas do not teach applicants' invention on the point recited: rendering components on said page equivalent to collaboration space tags for importation (claim 1), or importing a skin group into a place for instantiating said user interface(claim 14).

Applicants describe this aspect of their invention as follows:

"Each component of a QuickPlace user interface is individually addressable and placed on an html page 244. A style page 246 enables the user to define look by dragging and dropping the html pages and style sheet to the output control 240. A developer can code 256 an html page 244 that addresses the QuickPlace user interface components and style sheet 246 and upload to QuickPlace 172 to convert them into a skin 260."

"In accordance with the preferred embodiment of the invention, html pages and style sheets are rendered

responsive to QuickPlace tags to allow an end user to import these into a place and instruct that place to use these to instantiate the user interface."

(Specification, page 66, lines 5-17).

At column 1, lines 35-45, Salas does not discuss rendering pages responsive to collaboration space tags and importing these to the server on user command, as set forth in applicants claims.

Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 12, 23, 31, and 32, and thereby their dependent claims, to clarify this aspect of their invention.

Applicants request that claims 1-9, 12-16, and 22-34 be allowed.

35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 10-11, 17-19, and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Salas et al. and Van Der Meer, U.S. Patent 6,415,316.

Claim 20 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over

Salas et al. and Noguchi, U.S. Patent 5,983,184.

Claims 10 and 11 depend from claim 1, claims 17-19 and 20-21 depend from claim 12. Claims 1 and 12 have been amended as previously discussed to clarify the distinction with respect to Salas. Neither Noguchi nor Van Der Meer teach applicants' method or system for creating a skin group in collaboration space for subsequently rendering the user interface as set forth in the amended claims from which claims 10-11, 17-19 and 20-21 depend.

Applicants request that claims 10-11, 17-19 and 20-21 be allowed.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION


Applicants urge that the above amendments be entered and the case passed to issue with claims 1-33.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conversation with applicant(s) attorney could possibly facilitate prosecution of the case, he may be reached at the number noted below.

Sincerely,

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